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**OUR CHURCH SCHOOL**  
[www.ephesus-academy.org](http://www.ephesus-academy.org)

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**WSJL 88.1 FM**  
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**POWER FOR DAILY LIVING**  
**Tue&Thurs 10:30am**  
Dr. Compton Ross Jr.

**SELF-DEFENSE CLASS**  
  
**EVERY MONDAY**  
 Advanced @ 5pm      Beginners @ 6pm

**Wednesday Night**  
**PRAYER MEETING**  
 6:30 pm

**1st Wed:** Call 605-475-3233, Code 963044#  
 or via Facebook live.

**All others:** Join us at church, 105 6th Ave N

Mon-Tues: 6am & 6pm  
 Wed: 6am  
 Thurs-Fri: 6am & 12pm  
 (515) 739-1015 Code: 337243850#

**SERMON CD**  
  
**PLEASE SEE THE AV TEAM**

Sunset Today: 9:11:00 PM  
 Sunset Friday: 8:44:00 PM

**EPHESUS SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
**CONNECTING • NURTURING • TRANSFORMING**  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 2018**

**SABBATH SCHOOL**

**10:30-11:30 AM**

**Journey to Rome, Lesson 13**

**"The Book of Acts"**

**Memory Text:** “Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar.’ Acts 27:24 ESV

**CONCLUSION**

The book of Acts is our New Testament link between the Gospels and the Epistles. Although it mostly documents the evangelistic activities of the apostles, mostly Peter and Paul, it clearly introduces us to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. It might be better to think of it as “The Book of Acts of the Spirit of Christ working in and through the Apostles”.

Some notable lessons for our church today might be derived from its study...

- we are all sinners, in need of redemption; even the apostles were not above mistakes
- we are called to witness to all people, irrespective of race, class, or gender
- we must follow God’s sovereignty, exalting Jesus at every turn of events, even the ugly ones
- we should humbly seek the Holy Spirit’s power and guidance, to fulfill our mission
- we, as individuals, have a duty to support and nurture each other along the way, even when we disagree on methods or strategies to achieve our goals
- we can accomplish so much more when we share our spiritual gifts and work with our brothers and sisters in Christ (no one person can do it all)

This quote from *The Acts of the Apostles*, by Ellen G. White, underscores the role of each member of God’s church...

“Christ has given to the church a sacred charge. Every member should be a channel through which God can communicate to the world the treasures of His grace, the unsearchable riches of Christ. There is nothing that the Savior desires so much as agents who will represent to the world His Spirit and His character. There is nothing the world needs so much as the manifestation through humanity of the Savior’s love. All heaven is waiting for men and women through whom God can reveal the power of Christianity.” p. 600

A devotional thought from an admired Christian follower, Brenda Walsh, further reminds us...

“Filling your mind with negative nonsense is not only bad for your personality, but it doesn’t make you very endearing to others – and more importantly . . . separates you from God! It’s impossible to be negative and have a Christ-like attitude...in Psalm 68:3 it says, ‘But let the righteous be glad; let them exult [rejoice] before God; Yes, let them rejoice with gladness.’



Wow! It doesn't get clearer than that – God wants His children to be glad! No matter what crisis you are going through, or disappointing event that threatens to ruin your day – give it to Jesus and go forward with a positive attitude knowing God's in full control and He has you covered."

Therefore, both these authors point us to the way to win souls. It isn't by pounding them with "negative nonsense" (our human speculations about our impending doom, for example—most people already sense the seriousness of the times we live in). What they desire, what they demand, is an alternative to the harsh circumstances many endure on this earth. Sharing God's love seems to be the most suitable way to be ready for Jesus' soon return, both for others and ourselves!

Next Week's Lesson: new quarter– "Oneness in Christ" (Less. 1–Creation and Fall)

DIVINE WORSHIP11:45AM-1:15PM

- Call to Worship-Invocation..... Elder Tracy Cook
- Hymn of Worship ..... Hymn #108 - Amazing Grace
- Welcome & Fellowship
- Intercessory Prayer .....Elder Benjamin Reeves
- Tithes & Offering .....Clementine Collins, Elder
- Children's Story
- Praise & Worship
- Spoken Word .....Pastor Baldwin & Dr. Pollyana Barnes
- Benediction.....Clementine Collins, Elder

ANNOUNCEMENTS9/22/2018

**FOR MARRIED COUPLES ONLY** - Lunch and learn with the Barnes this afternoon. All married couples are invited to stay for fellowship meal which will be followed by time with the Barnes. Childcare will be provided for those in need.

The Barnes will also be with us on Sunday morning at 10:00a for another **MARRIAGE BUILDING SESSION**. Let's take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to sweeten, strengthen, and take our relationships to the next level.

Submit announcements by noon on Wed. [ephesuschurch@birminghamephesus.org](mailto:ephesuschurch@birminghamephesus.org)

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY** Wed. at 5:45pm.

**PRAYER MEETING** Wednesday at 12:00noon and 6:30p. Pastor Ross will continue series at 6:30p entitled "Authentic Christianity"

- Wednesday, Sept 26th : Are Quick to Forgive

**CALLING ALL THANKFUL PEOPLE!** Adventist Community Services is planning to give 300 baskets We need your financial assistance, please place a **GENEROUS** monetary gift in a tithe envelope and write ACS Thanksgiving on the line. Questions contact Willie M. Whatley 205-923-3081.

**SINGLES MINISTRY** will have a "pot-luck" dinner October 4<sup>th</sup> , @ the home of Lisa Carpenter. For menu:RSVP Cerita Moultrie:205 834 6945 or Lisa Carpenter: 205 616 2971

Join our **HOMELESS MINISTRIES** team after service today, Sabbath, September 22, 2018 as they share a meal with the city's homeless. *Bring a dish or send a donation via cash app to \$scorpioyo to support them.*

**ALL MEN ARE REQUESTED** to help secure Ephesus Church property Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Should you have questions, please contact Bro. Wayne Blanding.

Ephesus Church 4<sup>th</sup> **ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY** – Oak Mountain State Park. Magnolia & Sycamore Pavilions. Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 10-6pm

Hoover Christian School is inviting everyone to their **FALL FESTIVAL**, Sunday, October 14, from noon to 3:00 pm in the gym at Birmingham First Church in Hoover. Admission fee is a can of food, to be distributed later to local families in need. It's a family-friendly good time!

**High School Seniors. Experience Oakwood. Expect Success.** Calling all High School Seniors who are interested in attending "Oakwood Live 2018!" see AYS team member for details

**FAMILY FEUD** If you and your family would like to play in our next game of Family Feud, please call (205-422-1978) or email ([wtimothy@mac.com](mailto:wtimothy@mac.com)) me as soon as possible.

Help our veterans be a blessing to some deserving youth by supporting the Alabama Veterans for Christ 3<sup>rd</sup> **ANNUAL EAGLE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD BANQUET** Saturday November 10, 2018 6-8pm

EPHESUS SDA CHURCH PRESENTS

Stay Connected!

September Series

UNDERSTANDING THE P's OF YOUR LIFE

Join us for Pastor Compton Ross, Jr.'s

"Farewell Sermon"

Sabbath, September 29, 2018 @ 11:45 am

Farewell Lunch & Well Wishes

following Divine Worship

If you are unable to attend, you may send farewell wishes to: [ephesuschurch@birminghamephesus.org](mailto:ephesuschurch@birminghamephesus.org)

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Pastor Compton Ross, Jr.,  
Senior Pastor Ephesus SDA Church





Thank you for the cards, flowers, and kind expressions of sympathy shown during the passing of my brother, Lee Edward Logwood. Your support at this difficult time was very much appreciated and a great comfort to my family. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

*With Love, Veronica Williams and Family*

Thank you for all the prayers cards and gifts during the recent deaths in our family. We are happy to be a part of such a supportive church family.

*Sincerely Joel & Delsadie Callins*



CENTRAL ALABAMA YOUTH FEDERATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 22 - AYM Program: "Operation Socks 4 Soles. Please join us this evening for our AYM program as we testify about God's goodness to us this week, play Christian Hot Seat and give back to our community.6:15pm in the Fellowship Hall

October 2 - AYM Sports Night. The Houston Rockets vs The Memphis Grizzlies. 7pm at the BJCC Legacy Center. Tickets have already been purchased for the youth that submitted their names

October 16 - Late Night Skate Party at Funtime Skate Center, Fultondale, AL. 10pm-12 midnight. \$8 for all skaters. Free for all those that participated in Operation Come Back AYM program in July.

November 30/December 1 - CAYF presents "HIS/STORY" - The story of the life of Christ. A Christmas Federation

**ACTORS NEEDED** If you would like to be an actor or actress in our mini-movie, please contact your AYM leader, our Public Relations Director, Charmeretta Timothy, our Vice President, Jeremie Mason or, Wendell Timothy.

